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FOR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER - NEA/ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SAUNDER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF: A. STATE 107221; B. ISLAMABAD 4171

1. REFTTEL A REPRESENTS AN UNDULY HEAVY-HANDED AND BULLY-  
BOY APPROACH TO DEBT RESCHEDULING AND WILL BE SEEN HERE AS  
PUNITIVE IN CONTEXT OF REPROCESSING ISSUE. BY SEPTTEL  
EMBASSY IS FORWARDING ITS ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS. I WANT  
TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU MY VIEW THAT IF WE PURSUE  
APPROACH FOR POSTPONEMENT OF JUNE MEETING, OUTLINED BY  
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DEPT WE RUN STRONG RISK HERE OF SERIOUSLY UNDERCUTTING  
GEN. ZIA'S ABILITY TO KEEP PAK-US RELATIONS ON RELATIVELY  
EVEN KEEL. I BELIEVE IT IS NOT TOO STRONG TO SUGGEST FURTHER  
THAT OUR ACTIONS MAY ALSO SERIOUSLY ERODE ZIA'S OWN UNCERTAIN  
INTERNAL POSITION BY TRYING TO FORCE PUBLIC GOP BACKDOWN  
UNDER US PRESSURE ON AN ISSUE SEEN HERE AS VITAL TO  
COUNTRY'S WELL-BEING. FOR PAKISTANIS WHO HAVE LONGER

HISTORICAL MEMORIES THAN WE DO, USG ACTIONS WILL BE VIEWED AS COMPARABLE TO THE HUMILIATION OF AYUB BY LYNDON JOHNSON IN 1965 EPISODE OF CONSORTIUM MEETING CANCELLATION.

2. LET IT BE CLEARLY NOTED THAT I AM NOT PROPOSING A POSITIVE USG RESPONSE AT THIS TIME ON THE SUBSTANCE OF DEBT RESCHEDULING. I URGE ONLY THAT WE NOT HUMILIATE PAKISTAN BY FORCING A POSTPONEMENT OF A JUNE 2 MEETING WHICH WAS LONG AGO REQUESTED BY THE GOP AND FOR MONTHS HAS BEEN ON THE SCHEDULE OF ALL CONSORTIUM MEMBERS. I SEE NO REASON WHY WE CANNOT GO FORWARD WITH THAT MEETING, WHILE EXPLAINING NOW TO GOP, IBRD AND OTHER DONORS (A) THAT WE WILL REGARD JUNE 2 MEETING NOT AS AN OCCASION FOR DECISIONS BUT AS A FORUM TO LISTEN TO GOP REQUEST AND (B) THAT WE HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT NEED FOR RESCHEDULING WE WILL WANT TO POSE AT THAT TIME.

3. I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PROBLEM BEFORE WE GET ANY FURTHER DOWN A TRACK THAT I BELIEVE WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES WE WILL ALL COME TO REGRET.  
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